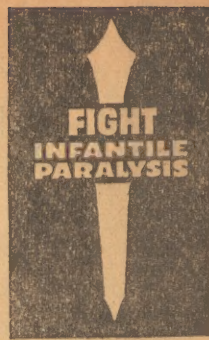


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Coffee and Chow Gripes Top List in Local Poll

That coffee in the Army is bad is traditional. That an army travels on its stomach has been axiomatic since the Napoleonic days. That soldiers always gripe about Army chow, mess halls and other items pertaining to digestion and the inner man, is equally true.

In the recent survey made at McGuire in which the patients were asked to reveal their criticisms and suggestions for the improvement of the varied facilities at the hospital, the mess and dietetics division under the direction of Capt. Irving Gellman, was subjected to considerable sniping from local gripers.

Leading the complaints by far was the charge that the coffee was "unfit to drink." Conceding this to be the case, Capt. Gellman explained that much of the coffee formerly used in the mess hall was of the overseas type which does not "seem the best." The quality of the coffee intended for domestic use also tends to vary. All coffee-makers in the messhalls have recently completed a special course of training in the art of coffee brewing. Since the survey ended in November, gripes about coffee have become fewer with Capt. Gellman believing that the problem is just about solved.

Patients have made the suggestion that visitors be permitted to buy supper in the mess halls when staying afternoons and evenings. To this the mess director replied that orders from hospital headquarters are that only visitors permitted to eat in the mess hall are those who are here visiting seriously ill patients.

"It is our understanding," Capt. Gellman continued, "that other visitors should not be here because the supper meal occurs at a time other than during visiting hours. No visitors are permitted to eat in the mess hall unless they have been authorized by headquarters."

Lack of variety in menu planning was another of the patients' gripes. As elsewhere in the Army, McGuire follows a master menu issued by the quartermaster corps. Rations are issued on that basis and offering a varied menu, depends upon the diversity of the rations issued by the quartermaster. Patients complaining about the infrequency with which fruit juices were served were told that these items are put on the menu when "and if we can procure them."

In these days when eggs on the civilian market are both rare and expensive, many patients here have bewailed the frequency with which eggs are served in the mess-hall.

"We usually have eggs about five days a week," said Capt. Gellman. "On the two remaining days, we have French toast and pancakes. Most patients do not seem to like French toast or pancakes, so we give them eggs. They don't seem to like creamed chipped beef, so we give them eggs."

Lumped together were the gripes that "the food is cooked improperly; is getting terrible and could be better; is tasteless and unseasoned!"

These charges were answered by Capt. Gellman's statement that, "we are attempting to put a normal amount of seasoning in our food. There are many people who like food seasoned more highly than others. We can only suggest that these people make use of the salt and pepper shakers on the tables. There are times, we know, when our cooks do not put enough seasoning in the food at the time of cooking. Every effort is exerted to prevent such a condition."

Several patients stated that the fare served in the mess hall was

"too heavy for sick people—not working at hard labor."

In explanation Capt. Gellman said, "It is obvious that we must design our menu for the regular diet patient. It may be that a bed patient getting a regular diet finds that it is too heavy. We have one of two suggestions to offer," he continued. "Patients may ask their ward officers for a 'special diet' which may be lighter, or if they are already on regular diets by order of the ward officers, they could lighten the diet by eating less."

Silverware and trays were found to be unclean by some patients. The assurance was given by the mess officer that despite every attempt to prevent such occurrences, occasionally, slip-ups take place. Personnel handling the eating utensils check all silverware and trays before each meal.

A proposal on the part of some patients to institute a late meal for evening snacks with the excuse "that this would utilize left-over food was vetoed by Capt. Gellman on the basis that it would necessitate increasing the number of mess employees or keep day shift personnel overtime in order to prepare the food for the meal."

Further, Capt. Gellman said there is very little food left-over and that very often where there was, the type of food was of such a nature that it did not lend itself readily to snack-type eating.

The BANNER next week will conclude the findings of the patient gripe survey with the suggestions and complaints concerning the feeling of the men toward the reconditioning program at the hospital. The patient poll was taken last November at the suggestion of Capt. Albert A. Dunn, executive officer, as a means of determining how conditions at the medical installation might be improved to please as many patients as possible.

The biggest gripe registered by the patients was rectified as soon as it became practicable after the recent holidays. Hours at the baggage room were extended and where a patient returned to find the baggage room closed it was made possible for him to retain his clothes on the ward until the following morning.

Battle-Royal Will Top Boxing Show

Another step in bringing sports shows to McGuire has been taken with the news this week that six three-round boxing bouts starring the finest amateur boxers in this neck of the woods will be presented in the post gym at 7:00 p.m. next Friday, Feb. 1.

In addition to the six bouts, spectators are promised a pugilistic treat in the form of a battle-royal in which everything is committed in the ring short of legalized mayhem or boxing gloves stuffed with hand grenades.

The finest amateur boxing talent from the vicinities of Petersburg and Norfolk will stage the display of fistcuffs.

Patients are promised by the special services officer here, Capt. Howard B. Leeds, that if the event is successful it will be followed in two weeks by another similar show.



AMPUTEE ATHLETE—Lt. Bert Shepard, who pitched a fine brand of ball with the Washington Senators last year, demonstrates the crouch he uses to make a fast getaway in the 100-yard dash which the former Air Corps officer can sprint in 12.5 seconds—prosthesis and all. Lt. Shepard is touring all amputee centers for the Surgeon General's Office, and recently completed a three-day stay at McGuire. The 24-year-old flier will report for spring training with the Senators in Florida next month.

Priorities Released for EM Discharge

Priorities for release of detachment enlisted men at McGuire were established this week in a memorandum issued by headquarters.

The memorandum fixes six groups in which soldiers eligible for release by April 30 under War Department directives will be reported to Third Service Command headquarters for separation from the service.

According to a statement made to the detachment men this week, Col. P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, pledged that all eligible men would be reported to command headquarters by Feb. 28, with the first group already reported this past Wednesday.

Of the 28 men in the first group, all are qualified for release having either 50 points or 42 months service. The second group, includes men who have 49 points or 40 months. Group three consists of men with 48 points or 38 months. Group four is composed of eligibles with 47 points or 36 months service. Group five establishes 46 points or 33 months of service as the requisite and men in group six must have 45 points or 30 months of service in order to be discharged.

Months of service are computed up to and including length of time in the Army to April 30.

In addition to the above criteria, all enlisted men who have served overseas for a period of six months to fifteen months will be automatically moved up one group.

11 Physicians Get Top Posts In VA Setup

Appointment of eleven physicians to serve as top consultants for veterans hospitals was announced today by Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, acting Surgeon General of the Veterans Administration.

Brig. Gen. Elliott C. Cutler, Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School and also attached to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, headed the list. Other consultants are:

Chest Surgery—Lieut. Col. Brian B. Blades of Washington.

Plastic Surgery — Col. Barrett Brown of Phoenixville, Pa., formerly of St. Louis.

Diseases of the Eye—Dr. Trygve Gundersen of Brookline, Mass.

Radiology — Lieut. Col. Aubrey Hampton of Washington, formerly of Harvard Medical School and a member of its graduate faculty.

Gynecology—Dr. Bernard J. Pisani of New York City.

Skin Diseases — Dr. Donald M. Pillsbury of Philadelphia, assistant professor of the Jefferson Medical College and University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Urology—Dr. John N. Robinson of Sharon, Conn.

Neuro-surgery — Col. Roy Glenwood Spurling, Washington, formerly professor, University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Anesthesiology—Dr. Ralph Tovell of Hartford, Conn.

General Surgery—Dr. Robert M. Zollner of Boston, assistant professor, Harvard Medical School.

Consultants now attached with the Army's Medical Corps will serve without pay until they have been released from active duty.

17 Hospitals To Fold With MGH in March

Released simultaneously with the announcement that McGuire would cease to function as a military installation, the War Department disclosed that thirteen additional general hospitals and four convalescent hospitals would close by March 31.

In accordance with the Surgeon General's policy of releasing these hospitals as rapidly as the decrease in the patient load justifies, these units will be offered to the Veterans Administration, or else reported to Surplus Property Administration for disposal.

Out of a war time peak of 65 General Hospitals operated by the Army Medical Department 20 have already been closed. In addition, out of a peak of 13 Army Service Forces convalescent hospitals, three have already been closed.

The closing of these 14 general hospitals, three annexes and four convalescent hospitals will result in a reduction of approximately 38,000 beds in General Hospitals and 65,000 in Convalescent Hospitals.

After the evacuation of all transportable cases from overseas theaters there were approximately 121,400 patients in Army General and Convalescent Hospitals at the first of the year. It is estimated that there will be approximately 39,700 on June 1, 1946. The peak patient load in Army Hospitals in the United States was reached in June, 1945, with a total census of 245,000.

There will be a lapse of sixty days between the dates on which the hospitals will be closed and the dates on which they will be declared surplus to the needs of the War Department in order to allow time for handling transfer of property and other administrative details.

The following General Hospitals will be released by February 28:

Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. (Will revert to station hospital status to serve the needs of Fort Benjamin Harrison.)

Camp Butner General Hospital, Camp Butner, N. C.

The following are scheduled for closure by March 31:

Camp Edwards General Hospital, Camp Edwards, Mass. (Will revert to station hospital status to serve the needs of Camp Edwards.)

Thomas M. England General Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J.

McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Va.

Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va.

Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Fletcher General Hospital, Cambridge, Ohio.

Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

Vaughan General Hospital, Hines, Ill.

Camp Carson General Hospital, Camp Carson, Colo.

Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa.

McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Tex.

Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif.

The following closures include the annexes only, not the General Hospitals:

Edgewood Annex to Mason General Hospital, Brentwood Long Island, N. Y.

Daniel Field Annex to Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga.

Eastman Annex to Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark.

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Writer's Cramp

In what seems to be a struggle between the titans—labor and management—no one can say exactly to what degree the discharged veteran is being affected.

It has just been ruled and upheld by the courts that no veteran out of a job because of "labor conditions" at a struck plant is eligible to collect unemployment compensation as a result of being out of work. This applies whether the vet is in or out of sympathy with one or the other faction. In the eyes of the court, it makes little difference.

We are bound not to comment on the justice or injustice of this particular situation. So we state this as a fact and let it go at that.

Still, it is no strain on the memories of most of us to recall all the griping that was taking place just a few months ago when the current strike fever was beginning to build. At that time, with a high percentage of combat troops still in the Army, the complaint was heard among fighting men that when they returned home as civilians, they'd "show the strikers a thing or two, yes sir!"

Today, many of the men who nursed these sentiments have been discharged. With the struggle to regain their place in a society from which they had absented themselves for a period of years came fresh understanding and a new conception.

The returning serviceman, nourished on the legend that while he was away, the 4-Fs and defense workers were reaping the lush harvest, is shocked to discover that the \$150 a week he expected to make has dwindled to the \$25 or \$35 a week being offered currently by prospective employers.

If he is a family man, the former GI knows what the cost of living is at the moment. When he makes comparisons with the buying power of the dollar today and that before he entered the service, his awareness becomes even more intensified.

Our point here is not an attempt to justify the strikes. That subject has always been cause to "tread lightly" for Army publications. The thought sticks with us, however, that an opinion on any subject which is based on half-truths and unreasoning bias is a dangerous one. Only with complete knowledge can come the tolerance and understanding which may bring together dissenting factions in peace throughout the world.

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Speaking of half-truths, as we were just a paragraph or two ago, we come to the greatest practitioner of them all—Westbrook Pegler.

In a column this week Brother Pegler let loose with a blast against Army public relations men. Usually, Pegler annoys us no more than the gnats we brush away from our face at twilight in summer. Like the gnats, Pegler may cause exceeding discomfort for a time, but comes the fall and the gnats disappear. Fall has not come to Pegler yet, but it is our devout wish that it will.

Discussing freedom of the press, Pegler says there is no room for that or journalistic privilege in the American armed services, and that all service papers should be suppressed permanently.

Pegler is opposed to the practice of Army publications, started by YANK under sanction of all the high brass, of encouraging the buck private to believe that he has a right to talk back to his superiors. As superiors, the columnist lists all ranks from corporals to the Secretary of War.

Labelling all public relations men as "Communists and pinks," Pegler asserts that "their purpose was to sit out the war without being killed or hurt and to acquire all the information they could for use in the future."

Westbrook, old boy, have you ever heard of Sgt. John Bushemi? He was a PRO man killed in the invasion of the Marshall Islands. Ever hear of Sgt. Pete Paris, Pegler, old potato? He caught one at Omaha Beach on D-Day. He was a PRO man, too. Did you know YANK Correspondent Cpl. Bob Krell? He covered a story by jumping with the paratroopers in the airborne Rhine crossing. He was knocked off, Pegler.

Are these guys who were sitting out the war?

To the charge that all public relations men are "Communists and pinks," Pegler should be delighted to learn that one of these "dangerous Reds," former M-Sgt. Joe McCarthy, erstwhile managing editor of YANK, has just accepted a job at \$26,000 a year with a man who has a notorious fondness for hiring radicals—William Randolph Hearst, the individual who, by the way, also pays Pegler his stipend for writing.

This precious freedom of the press that Pegler would deny service publications is the same that enables him to slander time and again the memories of men like Wendell Willkie and Franklin Roosevelt. It's the same freedom that kept him, all through the war, carping as a critic of the nation's war effort.

And it's the same freedom, thank the Lord, that this country's soldiers fought for—even for the right of Pegler to write as he pleases.

Take it away, George Spelvin.

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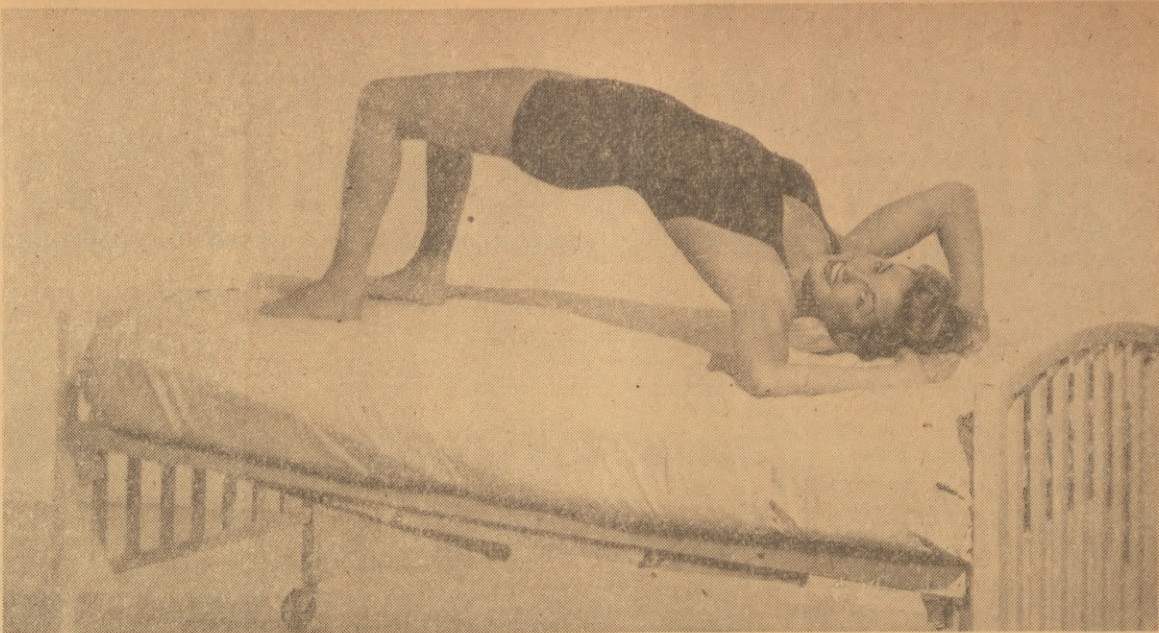
This is your last chance this year to contribute to the March of Dimes. Do it now.

—D. F.

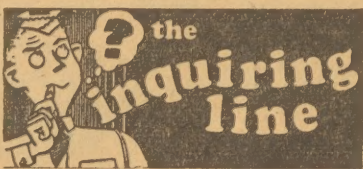
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"The Pig Got Up and Slowly Walked Away"

Albuquerque, N. M. — If Jimmy Tower's pig does not win a prize at the New Mexico State Fair it won't be because Jimmy did not try. The animal was barred at the scales because it was six pounds over the 300-pound limit. So Jimmy took his pig out, walked seven pounds off and entered him again at 299.



BRIDGE RAISER—Hold onto your hats, here we go again! Esther (the mermaid) Williams, judging from this picture, has been affected by all the talk of the brighter world to come. For some six weeks the BANNER has brought to its readers these pix of Esther going through the various contortions prescribed by the reconditioning program. Following this latest release, there is only one more left before we wash up Esther, the series, the corny gags and innuendoes that have been made about the girl. This exercise is one in which the principal muscles used are the "extensors of the whole body, neck, back, hips and hamstrings."



Q. One of our men was injured when friendly planes accidentally bombed us. Is he entitled to the Purple Heart?

A. No. AR 600-45 says the award is for wounds resulting from enemy action.

Q. My brother was killed in an auto accident two months after his discharge. We then found that he was secretly married, and had willed his GI insurance to his wife. Our mother is ill and could certainly use that dough. Is there any way of getting the government to pay her the insurance instead of my brother's wife?

A. A person carrying National Service Life Insurance can execute a form changing the beneficiary at any time, without the knowledge or consent of the beneficiary. If your brother made his wife his beneficiary by making proper application to the Veterans Administration, there is nothing you can do about it. However, no change of beneficiary can be made by last will and testament. VA Form 724 must be used.

Q. After discharge, does a veteran's national service life insurance carry any travel or occupational restrictions?

A. There are no restrictions on place of residence, mode of travel or occupation. This means that the veteran can go anywhere in the world, can travel by airplane or by any other mode of transportation and, no matter how hazardous his occupation, his national service life insurance is valid if premiums are paid.

Blub!

Manila—Lubrication for Army parties in Manila is being supplied by 1000 cases of Australian beer, recovered by Navy divers from a ship that went down off North Borneo last August. Sea slime covered the bottles but the contents (twice as strong as American brew) were undamaged.



By Suzanne McLaurin Connell

Looking over the new books piled on our desk in such a tempting array, we were so struck by the variety that we immediately thought of describing them for you as a poutpourri. That happens to be a favorite word of ours, both because of sound and meaning, and it seemed to be the exact word for describing these books. As Webster defines poutpourri, it means, in a broad sense, "a medley or mixture;" in a specific sense, it means, among other things, "a jar of flower petals, as of the rose, mixed with spices, etc., used to scent a room." Both the broad and specific meanings suitably describe these books. They are definitely a medley or mixture; also, in a figurative manner, they are like a combination of roses and spice and have an aroma delightful enough to scent a room. We chose these books for discussion because of their variety and range of scope—poetry, humor, biography, fiction, etc.—and the pleasing atmosphere which emanates from their pages.

Walter De La Mare's collection of poetry, *The Burning Glass*, is a fine example of the type of book which you like not only to read but also to keep in your room like "a jar of flower petals" for the uplifting of your spirits. Lovers of poetry in general and De La Mare in particular will welcome the arrival of *The Burning Glass*.

An excellent and thought-provoking book is *The Human Life of Jesus*, by John Erskine. Here a philosopher interprets the life of Jesus in a new way, emphasizing the human rather than the spiritual aspect. Read this stimulating book if you are looking for something new about one of the oldest and greatest stories of the ages.

No Man Knows My History; *The Life of Joseph Smith* by Fawn M. Brodie and *A Man From Kansas; The Story of William Allen White*, by David Hinshaw are two well-written biographies. You'll be impressed by reading the lives of these two great Americans—a Mormon prophet and a Kansas editor—and you'll enjoy seeing what an influence they made upon American history in such different ways.

For those who like sports, *Goal to Go*, a new work by Jackson Scholz, is just the right book. This is the story of football at the Naval Academy at Annapolis and it should interest all who are eager for books about sports.

Perhaps you'd like to have a rollicking, good laugh. Well, *This Petty Face; A Book of Drawings*, by Mary Petty, is a delightful funny book from its clever title up to the last drawing in the book.



Week of Friday, January 25. First show at 6:15 p.m.; second show at 8:15 p.m., daily. Matinee every Sunday at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY—"Cornered," with Dick Powell, Walter Slezak.

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"Masquerade in Mexico," with Dorothy Lamour, Arturo de Cordova.

TUESDAY—"Up Goes Maisie," with Ann Southern, George Murphy, Hillary Brooke.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"Leave Her To Heaven," with Gene Tierney, Cornel Wilde, Jeanne Crain.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY—"Scarlet Street," with Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett.

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Midweek Service Wednesday evenings6:30 p.m.
Conference Room 12, Building 303.
Daily Services, Monday through Saturday inclusive, 8:00 a.m. in Red Cross lounge.

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m. and, at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room, Bldg. 303.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass8:30, 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass:
Mon. and Thurs.5:00 p.m.
Tues., Fri., Sat.6:00 a.m.
Confessions Sat.....6:30-8:00 p.m.

JEWISH

Friday Services.....7:00 p.m.

Aw, Nuts!

Birmingham, Ala. — Annoyed when a guest ate peanuts and dropped the shells on his living room floor, Jake Wooden, an irritable host, shot his visitor dead. "I didn't like his manners," Jake told police.



Jobs to Brew Later In Brewing Industry

Unless you worked for a whiskey or beer manufacturer before the war, don't count on getting a job in either of those industries as soon as you get out. Within a year or two, however, there will be many opportunities in the alcoholic field that don't exist now.

During the war, the whiskey and brewing industries were unable to keep up with the public demand for their beverages. Except for 3 one-month "holidays," the distilleries were producing alcohol for war. While the breweries weren't in war production, they couldn't expand their facilities because building materials were unavailable.

The war years, therefore, brought about a situation where demand was much greater than supply. This situation still prevails. As a result, it is easy to draw the conclusion that many new jobs will be available immediately in the beer and whiskey fields.

Such a conclusion, however, is false. It takes time for an industry to expand.

Take Anheuser-Busch, one of the nation's biggest beer producers. The company is meeting its present employment requirements with men returning from service. It is just now breaking ground in Newark, N. J. for a plant that will be the biggest brewery in the New York City area. It will be at least a year before the new facilities are in operation. But when it gets going, Anheuser-Busch will need 3000 more employees.

Schaefer, which produces for the New York City market, is also expanding. It will be 6 or 8 months, however, before the company will have a substantial number of job openings. The new production facilities will make it possible for Schaefer to add 300, perhaps more, to its present 2000.

Other breweries throughout the country also expect to increase their production, although they don't all plan to build new facilities.

In many cases, you will have to join a union before you can get a job with a brewery. In New York City, for example, brewing companies hire as many as 75 per cent of their employees through unions. In the case of Schaefer, 1500 of its 2000 employees were hired this way. The non-union personnel are salesmen, girl office workers, and other clerical help.

The employment picture in the liquor industry is similar. One of its problems is the necessity of aging whiskey before it can be marketed. And as George E. Moseley, advertising manager of Segrum-Distillers, puts it, "Pending such time as our inventories return to more normal levels, we will not be able to lay comprehensive plans for postwar pansion." Liquor firms estimate it

will take about 2 years before their business moves out of the "slow" stage.

A number of them, however, expect to do some hiring, with preference for veterans. Mosley, of Seagrams, says, "It is our belief that the absorption of our returning servicemen will not completely meet our labor requirements. We feel certain that we will need more help to round out our employment picture."

Schenley Distillers, while probably able to fill most of its immediate openings with former employees returning from service, looks forward to postwar expansion that will extend a program of growth which began before the war.

Lester E. Jacobi, president, says the corporation's plans call for "extensive horizontal expansion via the by-products route, and will undoubtedly offer a constantly number of job opportunities for veterans."

Before the war, Schenley concentrated on the production of beverage spirits, in common with other larger companies. But during the war, it put emphasis on diversification. Laboratory research was increased. So were development activities, with stress on fermentation and mycology. In addition, Schenley began an expansion program to recover grain by-products and obtained tons of food for livestock every month as a result.

The company has become a factor in the California wine industry. And through a subsidiary it is now one of 22 North American concerns producing penicillin in quantity.

Considerable physical growth has resulted, and with it, more jobs for more people. Before the war Schenley had about 6000 employees. Today is has about 8000, not counting some 1500 still in the armed forces.

In considering employment in whiskey and beer, one further factor should not be overlooked. Do the companies offer opportunities for advancement, security and good working conditions? That's a decision you will have to make yourself. One thing is true. To date, between 84 per cent and 99 per cent of the veterans who went from those industries into the armed forces are returning to their old companies. That seems to indicate that things were pretty good.



IT'S THE NETS!—The sweater Hayworth is wearing—and it is a sweater—is made from fishnet. Now, that she and Orson have phhttt, Rita's a good catch herself. Yuk-yuk!

Eisenhower Says Regulars Offer Big Opportunity

General Eisenhower, urging a "rapid rebuilding of our Regular Army" as the way "to safeguard the victory we have won at such enormous cost," declared that legislation passed by Congress makes enlistment "more attractive than ever before in our history."

"Every American should know the valuable provisions in the new Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act," the new Chief of Staff said.

These provisions include:

Enlistments for 1½, 2 or 3 years (with 1 year enlistments permitted for men now in the Army with at least 6 months' service).

An opportunity to enlist for men from 17 to 34 years of age, inclusive, except those now in the Army (who may re-enlist at any age), and for former servicemen (depending on length of service).

Retention of grade by men now in the Army, provided they re-enlist before February 1.

The best pay scale, medical care, food, quarters and clothing in the history of our Army.

An increase in the re-enlistment allowance to \$50 for each year of active service since such bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service.

A 30-day furlough every year at full pay. In addition, up to 90 days re-enlistment furlough, depending on length of service, with furlough travel paid to home and return, for men now in the Army who enlist.

Mustering-out pay to all men who are discharged to re-enlist.

Option to retire at half pay for the rest of your life after 20 years' service—increasing up to three-quarters pay after 30 years' service. All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.

Extension of the time limits within which application for GI Bill of Rights benefits can be filed, if you're now in the Army and re-enlist before October 6.

Family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist before July 1.

Opportunity to earn one or more of 200 skills and trades taught in Army schools in U. S. or occupied countries.

Choice of branch of service and overseas theater in the Air, Ground or Service Forces on 3-year enlistments.

Privilege of benefits of National Service Life Insurance.

Reserve and AUS commissioned officers who are released from active duty may be enlisted in Grade 1 (master or first sergeant) and still retain their reserve commissions.

No Gum, Chum?

Harrisburg, Pa.—Hungry Harry Lingle swallowed a nickel, then coughed violently. Up came a penny.

Owner Pledges to Give Village to Wounded Vets

Conversion of a picture post card up-State village into a town for wounded veterans, perhaps by this summer, was pledged yesterday by Charles I. Ruderman, new owner of Piercefield, N. Y.

Mr. Ruderman, operator of a machinery exchange in Gouverneur, N. Y., who bought all of Piercefield a month ago from a paper concern, discussed his plans for the deserted site in an interview.

Capt. Peters Strikes Back At P1 Jibes

Citing facts and figures covering operation of his section during 1945, Captain Gustavus A. Peters, McGuire's chief of physical therapy, has offered a slight "demurrer" to recent criticisms of his unit.

In fact, Capt. Peters went so far as to offer a suggestion as to how patients could help remedy one of the situations set forth in their "gripe" session brought to light in the BANNER of January 11.

"... the roster of appointments for physical therapy was uncoordinated, leading to frequent delays," some of the patients complained. Further, it was suggested that a longer time than the five-minute period, alleged by patients as the prescribed treatment, be made available with heat-lamp therapy.

There was a contention that lamps did not become sufficiently hot to be fully effective.

The patients themselves are in the main responsible for any lack of coordination in appointments, Capt. Peters said.

"We give appointments for treatments and patients frequently fail to appear at the designated time," he declared. "This leaves a blank on our schedule and, as a result, our day's program is thrown out of joint."

"Upon checking, when a patient doesn't show up, we find that he's gone to surgery, the dental clinic or to some other appointment—some even have been on pass or furlough when we had appointments for them."

"I would suggest that a patient, upon learning that he is unable to fill his appointment, notify us so we may give that period to someone else, thereby preventing a gap in the schedule."

Other conditions noted in the patients gripes have been remedied, Capt. Peters said. He indicated that the situations described may have been true but his chief objection was to what he termed "distortion of the truth in complaints offered in a few isolated cases, giving the entire section a black-eye."

A certain amount of delay is normally the case in any form of treatment, Captain Peters pointed out.

During 1945, his records show, physical therapy gave 177,292 treatments, a daily average of 845. A total of 49,875 visits was made to the clinic and there were 8,319 treatments given on the wards. An average of 301 patients were treated daily in the clinic and on the ward.

During the year, the number of patients treated daily rose from 220 in July to 535 in November.

Souvenir Weapons Must Be Registered

If the souvenir you brought home from overseas is an automatic weapon of any kind it must be registered under the provisions of the National Firearms Act. Owners of such trophies should communicate by mail, telephone or make a personal call upon the nearest unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which will aid veterans in complying with the law. Failure to register is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000 and not more than 5 years' imprisonment.

The bureau suggested that as a matter of public safety, owners of weapons make them inoperable. Weapons which can fire are subject to a tax of \$200 if sold or given away by their original owners.

With its present physical plant and a few improvements—such as the installation of escalators for crippled employees—the town could provide jobs for fifty men and their families, Mr. Ruderman, a veteran of World War I, declared.

"My thought was that a private foundation or some non-political Government agency could start it off," he explained. A full outline of his idea has been sent in a letter to Governor Dewey.

Reluctantly drawing on personal experience—Mr. Ruderman sustained a serious spinal injury during the last war and spent several years in veterans' hospitals—he held that projects whereby disabled men can support themselves are necessary for their recovery.

"If others refuse to help on this, I'll follow through, even though it breaks me," he said.

The town, in the Saranac Lake region, about 375 miles from New York City, could in time support 150 families, Mr. Ruderman estimated. With eighty frame houses "in good condition," various miscellaneous buildings and an unused industrial plant of 800,000 square feet, Piercefield already contains the essentials for a small industrial community, he said.

Asserting that his income is between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year, and he is not a wealthy man, Mr. Ruderman said he is negotiating for purchase of 700 additional acres adjacent to Piercefield. He declined, "for business reasons," to mention the sum paid for the eighty-acre village, and asked that its former owner, a large paper company, not be further identified.

The plant where paper was manufactured until 1930 could easily be converted to production of textiles or various small parts, Mr. Ruderman declared, or, situated as it is in the midst of Adirondack woodlands, it could be used for lumber or plastic items.

While an outside agency could give the project a good start, "and this summer would be the right time for it," Piercefield would be run as any other town is—by popularly elected officials—the 44-year-old business man said.

USO-Show Stars Amputee Cyclist

"Have Fun!" a USO-camp show troupe, will make a one-day stand at McGuire on Thursday with a tour of the wards during the afternoon and a bang-up stage show in the Red Cross auditorium at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Heading the bill as master of ceremonies and comedian is an individual known as a top-notch entertainer in the days of big-time vaudeville. Bobby (Uke) Henshaw parlayed a ukelele into a trip around the world. The Hawaiian instrument was his passport to royalty. Bobby taught the former Prince of Wales how to play the uke, much to the delight of the nobleman. Henshaw is a veteran at entertaining troops around the world having done so in both World Wars.

Others in the cast of "Have Fun!" are Al Castle and Helene, a bicycle act; the Slick Chicks, a harmony group; Ginna Carta, tap dancer; Lorraine Fortune, singer; Viola Klaiss, pianist and Joan Arend, accordionist.

Al Castle is a trick cyclist with one leg. Since losing his leg in 1917, Al has developed a proficiency at many sports and activities and is an excellent motor cyclist.

Career Man

Bismark, ND—Bill Potter, 98, is North Dakota's oldest living messenger boy. He's been running errands since he was 11.

Detachment Dance For March of Dimes

Detachment enlisted personnel will give a dance for the benefit of the March of Dimes here on Jan. 30, the night on which in former years, the President's Birthday Ball was held.

The admission fee of 25 cents collected at the door will be turned over with other funds collected at McGuire during the current drive to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Music for the dance will be provided by the full contingent of the 483rd ASF band under the direction of T-4 Ralph Phillips.

Dressed in their best formals, Wacs will be given a surprise in the way of favors at the dance. The post gym will be decorated especially for the event.

Beer, cokes and trimmings will be provided free as in the past.

The dance is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

Brass Gives Away Bingo, Bar Profits

The officers club at McGuire has planned a special bingo party for the March of Dimes here next Tuesday with \$250 in prizes as the lure for members and guests.

Considered the most popular attraction at the meeting place for officers here, Bingo was selected as the ideal means for raising funds for polio victims. Players will be charged fifty cents a card, the proceeds to be turned over to the fund.

At the bar, all items will be sold at a flat rate of ten cents for the evening only and the take over the mahogany will also be donated to the March of Dimes.

The money collected at the Bingo game and the dance for detachment enlisted personnel to be held in the gym the same evening will be added to the sum of \$113.87 collected at the basketball game between Camp Pickett and McGuire and the amount taken from the model house displayed in the arcade. During the first week of the drive \$102.29 passed through the chimney of the display piece.

That's Love

San Diego, Cal.—Grounds for divorce: Mrs. Sally Curtis charges that her husband slugged her with a rock while kissing her passionately.

Fight

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Generals Top Camp Pickett, 57 to 56, in Late Rally

MGH Quint to Meet MCV Tonight at Gym

By LT. CHRIS J. EDMONDS

An eight-point rally in the final four minutes of as hectic a basketball game as ever was played at McGuire earned a 57-56 victory for the Generals over Camp Pickett Monday night before an overflow crowd at the local gymnasium.

Trailing except for brief periods in the early stages of the game and behind by nine points midway in the second half, the Generals suddenly began hitting on the kind of shots they'd missed before and started gnawing at the Pickett lead.

The Generals avenged the only defeat on their record Wednesday night with a 41-40 victory over Hampden-Sydney College at Farmville, erasing a 14-point halftime deficit to chalk up their eighth straight win. Charley Wolf with 11 points and Al Rinaldi with nine points shared individual scoring honors. Hampden-Sydney, rated one of the strongest smaller college teams in the state, rode roughshod over the Generals in a previous meeting by a 56-38 score.

It was a rebound shot from under the basket by Charley Wolf which gave the Generals a 51-50 lead with four minutes to play. Seconds later Ray "Dusty" Rhodes swished one of his sensational hooks through the net, but the momentary three-point gap was short-lived as Forward Kaufman broke loose under the basket to pot one for Pickett.

But Rhodes, high scorer for the night, wasn't through. Again he eluded his guard, again his hook shot clicked and McGuire led by 55-52 with less than two minutes to go.

The action, which had been fast for the past 38 minutes, shifted into high gear. Pickett, hungary for its eighth straight victory, intercepted a pass and Kauffman, only one point behind Rhodes for high honors, tallied again on a set shot and the score was 55-54.

The Generals attempted to freeze the ball at this point, but after working down under the Pickett basket Al Rinaldi fired from the side. The shot missed, but Russ Cromwell, who played an outstanding floor game all night, slammed in the rebound and McGuire had a 57-54 margin.

But the game was far from over, although only 90 seconds remained. Pickett broke fast and Center Sellers popped in a basket from a wild scramble under the net, to make it 57-56.

McGuire again tried to freeze the ball, but Pickett regained possession and had three unsuccessful shots at the net before the whistle sounded to end the game.

The loss was a sorry blow to the proud plans of Pickett, which had figured on coasting to another easy victory. To McGuire it meant a current win streak of seven and 14 triumphs in 15 starts this year.

Only six men saw action for the Generals—and all six were responsible for the win. Rhodes, with 21 points on 10 baskets and a free throw, was the offensive spark that meant the difference between victory and defeat. But Rinaldi, Cromwell, Wolf, Walt Rabin and Dick Garrett were in there pitching all the way and in the long run it was the fight of a team which wouldn't be beaten that sent an estimated 1,500 fans home gasping.

Rhodes, who had the crowd on his back during the first half when he hit only three times in about 25 tries, had the same fans screaming hysterically in the final 20 minutes when he couldn't miss from any angle and racked up seven buckets and a free throw. Using a hook shot from any place in the vicinity of the foul circle, the ex-North Carolina University ace must be hot to hit—and he was hot.

From a defensive standpoint, high praise is due Wolf and Cromwell who shared the task of stopping Sellers, a former Cincinnati pre player and the Pickett big gun in previous games. Stop him they did—with nine points, as compared to

30, 18 and 29 which he rang up respectively, in three preceding games. Sellers, obviously enraged at being stopped, lost his temper completely at one stage and gouged viciously at Wolf with his elbow. Maybe the move lost the ball game—Wolf connected on both free throws awarded for the foul.

Cromwell, who started the game, was removed midway of the first period after having four fouls charged against him. Wolf took over and the pair alternated the rest of the way, with Wolf finding time enough away from his defensive chores to mark up 12 points and play his best game of the year under the offensive net.

The Pickett victory followed close on the heels of a one-sided triumph over Du Pont last Friday. The Generals, after building up a decisive 29-11 lead at the half, went on to win by 60-36 margin. Scoring was fairly well distributed, with Rinaldi grabbing high honors on 16 points. He was followed closely by Garrett with 15 and Rhodes with 14.

The Generals beat Hampden-Sydney, the only team to defeat them so far this year, in a return game Wednesday night at Farmville. The next home game is billed tonight at the gym, with the Medical College of Virginia as the opponents.

Following tonight's contest, the Generals have no games currently scheduled until Saturday, February 2, when the powerful Virginia Tech squad visits the hospital.

	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Rhodes, f.....	10	1	2	21
Rinaldi, f.....	4	1	1	9
Garrett, c.....	1	1	2	3
Rabin, g.....	4	0	3	8
Cromwell, g.....	2	0	4	4
Wolf, g.....	4	4	3	12
Totals	25	7	15	57

	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Keibler, f.....	0	0	0	0
Kaufman, f.....	6	8	2	20
Sellers, c.....	4	1	3	9
Mullens, g.....	5	1	0	11
Jerrel, g.....	2	2	2	6
Harris, f.....	2	0	0	4
Brown, f.....	2	2	2	6
Lash, g.....	0	0	2	0
Totals	21	14	11	56

Halftime score: Pickett 30, McGuire 27. Free throws missed: Rhodes, Rinaldi, Garrett, Rabin, Cromwell, Wolf 2, Kaufman 2, Sellers.

	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Rhodes, f.....	6	2	3	14
Windnagle, f.....	2	0	2	4
Garrett, c.....	7	1	3	15
Rabin, g.....	0	4	2	4
Rinaldi, g.....	7	2	2	16
Cromwell, g.....	1	1	1	3
Feltman, g.....	0	2	0	2
Conway, f.....	0	1	0	1
Hoffman, f.....	0	1	0	1
Jackson, g.....	0	0	1	0
Totals	23	14	14	60

	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Schlewe, f.....	9	1	1	19
Huntley, f.....	1	2	0	4
Hangar, c.....	3	2	2	8
Lough, g.....	1	0	2	2
Duncan, g.....	1	1	4	3
Totals	15	6	9	36

Halftime score: McGuire 29 Du Pont 11. Free throws missed: Windnagle, Rinaldi 2, Cromwell, Feltman, Schlewe, Huntley, Hangar 4, Lough 3, Duncan 2.

Skin Game

Los Angeles — Mayor Fletcher Bowron believes a man's skin is his own. So he vetoed an ordinance requiring special permits for tattoo artists. If an adult wants to get himself decorated there should be no interference, he said.



SUSPENDED ANIMATION—Frozen to the rim by the photographer's flash bulb, the basketball actually toppled into the nets, giving a much-needed 2 points to McGuire in the exciting game this week against the Camp Pickett quint. Rinaldi, of the Generals, who made the shot, follows the course of the ball, while Garrett (41) and Rhodes (6), his teammates, wait tensely for further action. Pickett, coming to McGuire to beat a team they rated as a push-over, was overwhelmed at the stout resistance displayed by the Generals, who overcame a 9-point lead to win the game, 57-56.

GI Bands "Appall" Noted Bandmaster

Edwin Franko Goldman, well-known band leader and conductor of the Goldman Band, after a 2-month tour of the Pacific, said he was "appalled at the evident lack of consideration given our Army bands by those in positions of authority." Reporting to Army officials and President Truman, he said that qualified musicians were driving trucks and pulling guard duty, while men "who could barely produce a sound on their instruments" were assigned to bands. He recommended greater interest in military music by higher commanders and commissioning of bandmasters.

Nurse Weds Blind Vet, They Get Chicken Farm

Allentown, Pa.—A pretty Army nurse, Mary Price, 20, married one of her patients, blind Kent Clark, 21, who lost his vision when he threw himself on a mine in Italy to save his buddies. Friends of the hero in Columbia, S. C., his home, raised \$5,000 to buy the couple a chicken farm.

Statistics Show McGuire "Generals" Average Fifty Points Per Game

Speaking of statistics, a little of this and that—

Did you know that in 15 games to date, the Generals have scored 748 points on 323 baskets and 102 free throws? Which gives them an average of nearly 50 points a game?

Did you know that defensively the Generals aren't doing so bad either? In the same 15 games they've held opponents to 522 points, which boils down to not quite 35 points a game.

And if you've been wondering who's doing the most scoring, you'll be interested in finding out that Al Rinaldi has grabbed the individual high point lead from Ray "Dusty" Rhodes. Rinaldi has counted 61 times from the floor and 15 from the foul stripe for 137 markers, while Rhodes has rung the bell on 59 field goals and 16 free throws for 134 points. Charley Wolf, who lead the pack for most of the season, missed two games on furlough and slipped down to third place with 123 points on 49 baskets and 25 charity tosses.

In the matter of free throws, the

Generals are thumping along on a 59 per cent basis. They've made 102 charity tosses while missing 71. Charley Wolf has the most free throws—25—but he's also missed the most—21.

Wolf still leads the personal foul column with 30 miscues charged against him. Rinaldi is running second with 22.

	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP
Rinaldi	61	15	6	22	137
Rhodes	59	16	14	16	134
Wolf	49	25	21	30	123
Cromwell	35	9	9	16	79
Rabin	21	10	1	15	52
Farris	16	7	0	14	39
Feltman	13	5	5	19	31
Garrett	13	4	1	9	30
Current	8	0	0	4	16
Conway	7	2	6	4	16
Diamond	5	0	0	4	10
Kumpfer	3	3	2	8	9
Sheppard	4	0	0	0	8
Cheswick	4	0	0	2	8
Hoffman	3	0	0	3	6
Hoffman	2	2	0	3	6
Stock	2	0	0	1	4
Berman	2	0	0	2	4
Coggins	2	0	4	3	4
Jackson	1	1	0	5	3
Kraft	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	323	102	71	189	748

*—No longer on squad.
FG—field goals;
FT—free throws;
FTM—free throws missed;
PF—personal fouls;
TP—total points.